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SUBJ: FOREIGN REACTION TO AEC STATEMENT ON US GAS CENTRIFUGE
PROGRAM

1. REFURTELEX 0030 DATED APRIL 1, 1974, SUBJ AS ABOVE. COPIES OF
SUBJ RELEASE WERE PROVIDED JAEB, MITI, JAIF, ESC AND FEPC BY AEC
TOKYO OFFICE. ESC IN TURN REPRODUCED RELEASE AND DISTRIBUTED TO
ITS SPONSORS WHICH INCLUDE ALL JAPANESE ELECTRIC UTILITIES,
MAJOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS, JAERI AND PNC. THUS
FAR AEC TOKYO OFFICE HAS NOT SEEN ANY JAPANESE PRESS COVERAGE
ON SUBJECT.

2. AEC SCIREP HAS DISCRETELY DISCUSSED THIS STATEMENT WITH
SEVERAL JAPANESE OFFICIALS IN CONTEXT OF STATUS OF US-JAPAN
COOPERATION IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT. JAPANESE OFFICIALS WERE
RETICENT ON SUBJECT AND APPARENTLY ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING NEXT
MEETING WITH UEA (SCHEDULED TO START APRIL 15) TO GET THEIR
REACTION TO STATEMENT PLUS UEA RESULTS TO DATE ON THEIR COM-
PARATIVE EVALUATION OF GASEOUS DIFFUSION VERSUS GAS CENTRIFUGE.
ALL SEEMED TO BE SURPRISED AT THE HIGH SEPARATIVE CAPACITY
PER MACHINE INDICATED BY THE COMPARISON WITH URENCO. ALSO
SOME SKEPTICISM EXPRESSED ON MEANINGFULNESS OF COST PROJECTIONS
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SINCE THEY NOT BASED ON COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION.

3. OFFICIAL OF ONE OF JAPANESE COMPANIES WHICH MAKES CENTRIFUGES FOR PNC VOLUNTARILY RAISED SUBJECT WITH AEC SCIREP. HE STATED THAT THEY HAD CAREFULLY EVALUATED STATEMENT AND WERE SURPRISED THAT US INDIVIDUAL MACHINE CAPABILITY WAS APPARENTLY MORE THAN FACTOR OF TEN HIGHER THAN URENCO. HE ADDED THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT DISCUSS SPECIFICS OF JAPANESE MACHINE PERFORMANCE, IT WAS CLOSER TO URENCO THAN TO US AND HE SEEMED DISTURBED BY IMPLICATIONS OF THIS FOR FUTURE OF JAPANESE PROGRAM.
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